GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Rigging possible through EVMs` as reported in the `Hindu` dated October 3, 2004;

(b) if so, whether the experts have warned against the chances of rigging even when the EVMs are used;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct an enquiry in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d) No, Sir. The expert committee appointed by the Government, consisting of Prof. S. Sampath, Chairman R.A.C., Defence Research and Development Organisation (Chairman), Prof. P.V. Indirasan of I.I.T. Delhi and Dr. Rao C. Kasarabada, ER & DC, Trivandrum as members has submitted in its report to Government in April, 1990, that the electronic voting machines are tamperproof. The Election Commission of India has stated that whenever, election staff have been found to be not complying with the instructions regarding the use of electronic voting machines issued by the Commission, stern action is taken by the Commission against all such erring officials after proper enquiry.